

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

- 1) Please amend the first paragraph on page 14 of the specification as follows:

According to an exemplary embodiment, the conference server 108 may be configured to support ~~trasecoding~~ transcoding between a variety of compression and decompression (codec) schemes that may be utilized by the client terminals 102 and 114. The information required by the conference server 108 to set codec types, and other parameters, are acquired during the set up of RTP sessions, as will be described in greater detail below.

- 2) Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 25 of the specification as follows:

If the presence server 106 determines that the connection is permitted, the presence server 106 reissues a NOTIFY message 414 to the conference server 108. The message 414 identifies the endpoints by their user agents, UA-A and UA-B, and may include an indication of which pair of IP addresses/RTP port combinations to bridge. Further, according to an exemplary embodiment, the presence server 106 updates the status of the sending and receiving users and their respective user agents. It should be understood that, according to an exemplary embodiment, user agents are not aware of a local IP address and an RTP port associated with the destination entity. Alternatively, they have the knowledge of IP address and RTP port on the conference server 108. When the conference server 108 ~~conference server 402~~ bridges the RTP connections between the UA-A 370 and an appropriate RTP session associated with the UA-B 372, the conference server 108 responds with a 200 OK message 416, and the conference

server 108 may forward RTP packets between the UA-A 370 and the UA-B 372, as indicated by status bar 418.